

**FEAR DEFEAT FOR  
EARLY CONVENTION****Republican National Com-  
mittee Likely to Delay  
Call to 1915.****MAY ASK STATES  
TO DECIDE ISSUE****Members Discuss the Matter at  
Dinner Preliminary to Open  
Meeting To-day.**

(From The Tribune Bureau.)  
Washington, Dec. 15.—Indications, gleaned from the sentiment expressed by the members of the Republican National Committee of the dinner given by Chairman Hill at the Metropolitan Club to-night, point to the defeat of the plan of some of the progressives to have a special national convention in 1914.

Probabilities are that the question of a special convention and important changes in the rules of the party will be referred to the respective states for final decision, and that a special convention, if any is held, will be called for not earlier than 1915. Those members favoring a special convention favor the referendum as an alternative to the 1914 convention plan.

There was frank and free discussion of the special convention proposition, and the proposed changes in the rules were also discussed. The after dinner speeches were intended to bring out the ideas of the committeemen.

The sessions of the committee to-morrow will be open to the press. In view of this the dinner to-night and the subsequent discussion were strictly secret, and the members of the committee felt at liberty to speak freely.

**Hilles Gives Counsel.**

In a speech to the diners that preceded the discussion of the merits of the question Mr. Hilles outlined at length the matters which the committee and a convention, if called, will be asked to settle, gave some of the arguments on each side and declared that in any event the Republican party should get together.

"This conference," said Mr. Hilles, "is not a counsel of despair. Republicans have every reason to feel hopeful."

The national chairman did not disclose his personal views on the advisability of an extraordinary convention, but called on other committeemen to debate its merits.

"In order that we may again triumph," said Mr. Hilles, "we must have some motive other than a desire to win. For the sake of mere success at the polls we must not discard or undermine the sound principles which our predecessors thought out and fought and wrought out."

"We are the trustees of the Republican party, a fact which should inspire in us a sense of cogent responsibility. Republicans and former Republicans can go very far in a protocol of union if a surrender of principles is not involved. We will not embrace theories of government that are destructive of all that we hold essential to the maintenance of liberty regulated by law."

Mr. Hilles referred to the meeting of the national committee as "abnormal," but directed by the executive committee and warranted by conditions.

Mr. Hilles dwelt at length on the proposed recognition of primary laws and the proposal to change the basis of representation, which would lead to a reduction in the delegates from Southern states. Discussing the proposed reduction, Mr. Hilles pointed out the success of the Republican party in several states south of Mason and Dixon's line and summed up the argument of the opponents of the plan.

**Rights of the Negroes.**

"They," said the chairman, "argue that if the party ignores the great body of Republicans—denies representation

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**This Morning's News.****LOCAL.**

Riding Hobby Speeds Him to Cell. 1  
Edwards Burns Up Broadway. 2  
Say Miss McCann Was with Nurse. 1  
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Three Held as Shoplifters. 4  
Schmidt Tried to Insure Victim. 5  
Adamson Eulogized at Dinner. 6  
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**GENERAL.**

Rebels Trapped at Chihuahua. 1  
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Suffragists Start \$100,000 Fire. 2  
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**MISCELLANEOUS.**

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**SKULL PROBED FOR BONE****Splinters Taken from Head of  
Child Without Ether.**

Doctors took three bits of bone from the head of Carmela Boye, five years old, at the New York Hospital yesterday, although it was impossible to give the child an anesthetic. She was kicked in the head by a runaway horse at Macdougal and Prince streets.

When taken to the hospital it was found that the blow had left a large hole in the child's skull. Dr. Mark Ward and Dr. James Morley Hiltzot immediately began the search for the splinters. The child was conscious and talked with her parents while the probing was going on. The hole in the skull was left open. She is expected to recover.

**FLOWERS NOD TO SKATERS****Jersey Dandelions Bloom on Icy  
Banks—Hens Overworked.**

(From The Tribune Correspondent.)  
Washington, N. J., Dec. 15.—With boys and girls skating to-day on the Morris Canal and three inches of ice reported in the lakes in this section, dandelions are blooming in the grass along the canal.

To-day Mrs. Charles Force, of Broad street, picked fresh pansies from her garden. Many farmers have tapped maple trees and found that they contain a large amount of sap and syrup.

Even the hens are deluded. Apparently believing the summer here, they have started to work laying on hot weather schedule.

**MONKEY HAS DRUG HABIT****Imitates Its Mistress, Who Is  
Cocaine User.**

Paris, Dec. 15.—Dr. Marcel Briand showed an interesting case to-night at a meeting of the Clinical Society of Mental Medicine—a monkey suffering from a drug habit. The monkey was the pet of a woman cocaine-taker, and the extraordinary feature of the case is that the monkey acquired the habit spontaneously, and not by imitation of his mistress.

The animal searches ceaselessly for the drug and snuffs it up his nose. It appears to experience the sensations and all the hallucinations of sight and touch of human beings addicted to the habit.

**GIRL TAKES STRANGE DRUG****Drinks Poison at Cooking Class  
—Label Off Bottle.**

Just as the seventeen girls in the cooking class at Public School 96, 51st street and Avenue A, were being dismissed last night Mary Sane, one of the pupils, raised a bottle to her lips, drank it and immediately fell to the floor. The screams of the girls attracted the janitor, who called in a policeman.

By direction of the policeman olive oil and milk was given to the girl, and when Dr. Rosstra, of the Reception Hospital, arrived she had recovered consciousness. Miss Sane told the doctor that she was seventeen years old and lived at No. 351 East 72d street. She refused to say why she had taken the poison.

One of her companions said that Miss Sane tried to take poison last week in front of the school, but was frustrated by one of the pupils. The name of the drug had been torn off the bottle and the doctor could not determine what it was that the girl had taken.

**COURT HAD LAST LAUGH****"Huge" Joke of Getting \$80 for  
80 Cents Makes Trouble.**

It was regarded as a huge joke by Frank Dolan and some friends who were on an automobile tour of saloons in Jersey City when he collected \$80 from Malachi Tarrant, a saloonkeeper on a Lackawanna Railroad check for 80 cents. It happened early on Saturday morning.

Dolan, however, ceased smiling when arraigned in the Second Criminal Court yesterday for obtaining money under false pretences. His wife, who had started an account with a savings bank, sadly depleted it to reimburse Tarrant, who was disinclined then to prosecute Dolan, who was paroled.

**15,000,000 YEARS  
OUR LEASE OF LIFE****Astronomical Authority Asserts  
Sun Will Then Cool Off  
and Existence Cease.**

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—Replying to a question put by a clergyman at the weekly meeting of Presbyterian ministers to-day, Professor Eric Doolittle, director of the University of Pennsylvania's astronomical observatory, said he thought that life on this earth would come to an end in about 15,000,000 years.

Professor Doolittle had been making an address on "Astronomy." In reference to the end of the earth's life he said:

"Unless some supernatural power or being interferes or the earth comes in contact with another planet or heavenly body, the earth will exist for 15,000,000 more years.

"The earth is dependent upon the sun for its heat and light, although the earth now contains some heat itself. When the sun eventually cools off the result will be darkness and cold, which will bring an end to all life, animal and vegetable."

No Xmas or New Year's dinner complete without Angostura Bitters. Delicious appetizer.—Adv.

**RIDING, HIS HOBBY,  
SPED HIM TO CELL****Bostonian, with Insatiable  
Longing to Move, Caught  
About to Sail.****SAID TO OWE \$3,156  
FOR HIRE OF AUTO****Yacht Captain, Too, a Creditor—  
Isthmus Steamer Delayed for  
H. B. Boyd's Arrest.**

Most of the troubles of Harold B. Boyd, of Boston, seem to have grown out of his taste for riding. He just had to ride—taxicabs, touring cars, yachts, steamers—anything that moved meant joy to him. And just because of this inclination he was arrested yesterday by Deputy Sheriff's Bier and Mayer as he was about to leave these shores for Panama on the steamship Cristobal.

Boyd belongs to a rich Boston family. He is about twenty-six years old, stout, ruddy cheeked and always smiling. Even while in the custody of the deputy sheriffs yesterday, waiting for a reply to a telephone message that he sent his mother in Boston to help him get \$5,000 bail, Boyd did not lose his smile for a minute.

Boyd's arrest came about through his failure to settle with Allen C. Woodside, also of Boston, for a bill of \$3,156 for automobile hire. Woodside learned that Boyd had gone to New York and communicated with Irving Kremer, an attorney, who at once drew up papers in a suit.

Woodside complained that Boyd agreed with him to pay \$4 an hour for the use of an automobile. That was in April, 1912. From that time to August, 1913, Boyd used an automobile from time to time, until the bill amounted to \$2,258. When the bill reached that amount Woodside suggested a settlement.

Boyd asked for time, and assured the owner of the car that he was fully responsible for the money, as he was a large stockholder and treasurer in the John Hancock Life Insurance Company and was one of the largest stockholders and a director of the Burkhart Brewing Company, of Boston.

Impressed with these representations of Boyd's financial status, Woodside entered into a new agreement with the young man, under which the latter was to pay \$250 a month for the use of the automobile and furnish his own gasoline and tires. Time for the payment of the old account was extended.

But Woodside now says his customer with the insatiable desire to ride is irresponsible financially, that he is neither a director nor a stockholder of the Burkhart Brewing Company, nor is he treasurer or stockholder of the John Hancock Life Insurance Company. These charges were made after Boyd had run up a bill of \$361 under the new agreement.

The investigation purported to show further that Boyd owned a yacht, but that he owed her commander, Captain Caverly, \$700 for services; that he owes the Boston Yacht Club \$100, the Copley-Plaza Hotel, of Boston, \$50, and a grocer at Marblehead, Mass., \$100.

Woodside traced the yacht belonging to Boyd to the dock of the Portland Yacht Club, in Portland, Me. Captain Caverly informed the automobile man that Boyd had packed his belongings, shipped them to New York and had left word that he was never going to return to Boston.

Jacob Katzenstein, a private detective, succeeded in getting a line on Boyd not many hours before he was due to sail. G. L. Cook, a Boston detective, kept Boyd in sight while Katzenstein gave Kremer the necessary information to draw up papers for an order of arrest. Cook followed Boyd to the Cristobal in a taxicab after numerous stops at establishments that displayed the sign "café." Word was sent to Captain Skillings of the Cristobal, who held the vessel an hour after the scheduled sailing time to permit the deputy sheriffs to get Boyd.

Boyd took his arrest calmly and had his baggage on board transferred to No. 312 West 33d street. Boyd retained Assemblyman Abraham Greenberg as counsel. At a late hour last night Mr. Greenberg was trying to get the \$5,000 bail for his client. Boyd's mother not having come to his rescue this time.

**TO URGE GHOSTS TO GO****Spiritualists Will Try to "Shoo"  
Vander Pile's Ghosts.**

(From The Tribune Correspondent.)  
Passaic, N. J., Dec. 15.—Spiritualists will visit the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Vander Pile, No. 113 Linden street, to-morrow night to "shoo away" ghosts that have been haunting the Vander Piles for the last few weeks.

The seance is scheduled to begin at 12:30 o'clock—so say the Vander Piles. About two months ago the Vander Piles were awakened one night by knockings inside the walls of the house. They thought little of the matter, but when the knockings came the second night it was decided they were made by ghosts.

All sorts of plans were tried to lay the ghosts, but all of no avail. The Rev. Nicholas Boer, of the Christian Reformed Church, sat up with them one night. The sounds came and Mr. Boer refused to call again.

Spiritualists in Paterson read of the ghosts and offered to persuade them to go away.

**PHILIPPINE SATIRE  
STIRS WILSON IRE****Withdraws from Member-  
ship in Military Order  
of the Carabao.****CALLS ALESHIRE AND  
HOWARD TO ACCOUNT****Army and Navy Officers Must  
Explain Dinner Joke on  
President's Policy.**

(From The Tribune Bureau.)

Washington, Dec. 15.—President Wilson withdrew to-night from honorary membership in the Military Order of the Carabao, composed of regular and volunteer officers of the army and navy who served in the Philippine Islands in the four years succeeding the Spanish-American War, because of satirical travesties on his Philippine policy at its annual dinner on Thursday night.

Secretaries Daniels and Garrison conferred at length on the subject and called upon Rear Admiral Thomas B. Howard, U. S. N., and Major General James B. Aleshire, U. S. A., the two highest officers of the Carabao, for an explanation. They promise to give all the information desired.

Popular opinion in Washington's official and social life seems to be divided between the presumption that the President and the cabinet officers are unable to take a joke and the view that the incident is being seized upon to make a great moral impression.

**To Examine Song Books.**

But that the President is in deadly earnest there can be no doubt. By his direct order, the Secretary of War has summoned the officers of the Military Order of the Carabao—which was organized in the Philippines in 1900 and derived its name from the water buffalo which, in the absence of the good old army mule, did such valuable service for the American army—and demanded every scrap of information that will throw light on what happened. Copies of the songs sung, prompt books, if there were any, which were used by those who took part and all else that will give any information must be produced, and from these the Secretary of War will reach his conclusions as to the impropriety of the proceeding.

The President's resignation, as an honorary member of the organization proved to be a decided shock to army and navy officers, and there was bitter comment at the Army and Navy Club to-night among officers who place allegiance to the government and patriotism before all else, in accordance with their training at West Point and Annapolis.

Another indication of the importance which the administration attaches to the matter is that Secretary Daniels informally suggested to-day to Rear Admiral Thomas B. Howard, U. S. N. (retired), that he not accept the office of Grand Paramount Carabao, to which he was elected on Thursday night to succeed Major General Charles E. Humphrey, U. S. A. (retired), who has held the place at the head of the organization since 1904.

**Resented by Officers.**

At a meeting to-day of the committee in charge of the dinner a delegation of three officers was appointed to call upon the Secretary of War to discuss the matter with them and to state that in nothing that was said or done at the dinner was there any intentional disrespect. This committee will offer every assistance to the heads of the War and the Navy departments in their investigation of what took place.

Those officers who participated in the dinner and who belong to the Order of the Carabao resent keenly the intimation that their participation in the affair should be considered in any way disrespectful to the commander in chief of the army, to the government or to the administration of President Wilson.

What was done was done, it is contended, in a spirit of fun. President Wilson believes that such fun as this should not be tolerated, and he is prepared to teach a lesson.

The annual dinner of the Carabao has attained the character of one of Washington's leading events for several years, and the dinner of 1912 was attended by nearly four hundred persons, many of whom were of high military and official rank. Secretary Daniels was the guest of highest rank.

Secretary Redfield, Postmaster General Burleson, several Senators and Representatives, many government officials and scores of prominent citizens attended. Secretary Daniels made a speech in favor of the independence of the Philippines. It was liberally applauded. Representative Kahn, of California, and Representative Stanley also spoke.

**The Song Was Too Much.**

There were many songs, old army and navy hits, topical affairs built around the tune and themes of the latest popular ideas, one or two ballads well known to service people and one ditty sung by a woman who stood with a spotlight on her "neath sheltering palms. Interspersed between songs and food there were several features; also one motion picture depicting the chase of a colonel of a Filipino insurgent who was a fugitive for three years and then became the governor of a province, having undergone a wonderful change from his status as a

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**OFFICERS ASKED TO EXPLAIN CARABAO JOKE.****MAJOR GENERAL JAMES B. ALESHIRE.****EDWARDS, IN AUTO,  
BURNS BROADWAY****Sees Motor Car Hit Boy, and  
Breaks Speed Law to  
Capture It.**

With the exhaust pipe wide open and the electric horn gurgling harshly above the noise of traffic, an automobile owned by William Edwards, Commissioner of the Department of Street Cleaning, shot up Broadway early last evening. In the rear of the car, crouching on the edge of the seat, was Edwards himself, shouting orders to his chauffeur to let the machine out agilely more. A breach of law had been committed before the very eyes of the Commissioner, and Edwards had delegated himself Sheriff and posse in an instant.

Just before 6 o'clock the Commissioner left his office in the Park Row building after wrestling eight or nine hours with the problem of making New York a veritable spotless town. Entering his automobile he was being conveyed up Broadway along Broadway. Through the maze of late shoppers about 34th street, the touring car snorted its way.

Traffic policemen, who all know the Commissioner, saluted him as he rode by. When he had all but passed through the White Light district, another automobile, in front of his, was also north-bound. At 40th street a boy stepped from the curb and attempted to scuffle safely across the street, but misjudging the speed of the approaching automobile, was struck down. Instead of stopping to learn the extent of his victim's injuries, the chauffeur put on more speed. Thereupon Edwards arose in his wrath and whispered something in his driver's ear that made that individual cease his machine to leap forward.

Up Broadway sped the Commissioner's car, the horn rattling and the exhaust from the engine puncturing the duller sound of trolley and elevated train wheels.

The Commissioner's car gained as block after block dashed by, and when the Circle was still several hundred feet away Edwards drew alongside the automobile he was pursuing, ran it in toward the gutter and commanded the chauffeur to stop.

His order was obeyed, and both cars turned around and started back.

At 50th street they came upon a small boy sitting on the curb rubbing a knee. He was all right, he said. The blow that Edwards thought killed him had hardly made him limp. He declined to make a complaint against the chauffeur, Michael Kane, of No. 492 Columbus avenue, and when the crowd about him became great he slunk away in embarrassment.

Edwards's ire having cooled somewhat at learning the boy was not seriously injured, he likewise decided not to press a charge against the chauffeur.

The automobile that struck the boy was the property of Jane Woolman, of No. 1 West 70th street. It was Miss Kate Woolman, her daughter, but she said she knew nothing of the accident. In town, even if one had to hustle now and then to get abreast of it.

The police said the automobile that struck the boy was the property of Jane Woolman, of No. 1 West 70th street.

Roosevelt at Porto Murinho.

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 15.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, on his arrival at Porto Murinho, near the Paraguayan boundary, aboard a Paraguayan gunboat, was received by a Brazilian commission, according to a dispatch from that place, and the entire party proceeded to Corumbá. From there the Roosevelt party will make an early start on a hunting expedition.

**VILLA TRAPPED  
BY FEDERALS  
AT CHIHUAHUA****His Army of 6,000 Soon To  
Be Attacked by Double  
Its Number.****TROOPS MOVING  
UP FROM SOUTH****Retreat to Ojinaga De-  
clared a Ruse to Cut  
Off Rebel Leader.****NO AMERICANS HARMED****Refugees from Chihuahua Report  
That Villa Is Treating Them  
with Courtesy.**

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 15.—General Pancho Villa and his six thousand rebels are in a trap in Chihuahua and will be attacked simultaneously from three sides by Federals twice their number.

This information reached El Paso to-night from the south and is borne out by dispatches telling of movements of Federal troops from Torreon and Monterrey to co-operate with the forces of Generals Mercado, Orozco and Salazar now at Ojinaga.

Federals claim that the movement to Ojinaga was a ruse to divert the attention of the rebels, and that while Herrera, with nearly four thousand men, is attacking the Ojinaga Federals, a stronger force from the south will attack Chihuahua and cut off Villa from his base at Juarez.

The Federal column which recently retook Torreon already has moved to the north and has taken Parras, the home of the Madero family. General Navarrete, with two thousand Federals, also has left Monterrey and is moving to a junction with the Torreon force, and a column from Monterrey is declared to be advancing upon Chihuahua.

**Americans Not Harmed.**

"Pancho Villa is not directing his spite against the Americans in Chihuahua. The American Consul, Marion Letcher, has been treated with every courtesy by the rebel chief and no request that he has made of Villa has been refused."

This is the statement of Americans, Germans and Spaniards who have arrived from the trouble zone to-day. The refugees say that while Spaniards have been driven summarily from the city, their native wives separated from them and their property confiscated, no Americans have been harmed, none of them has been robbed and none ordered from the city.

Property taken from Americans by rebels without the authority of Villa has been promptly returned when complaint was made by Consul Letcher, the refugees declare.

Sealed dispatches from Washington were sent to-day to Consul Letcher by the American Consul at Juarez, Thomas D. Edwards, in automobiles. What the dispatches contain was not stated, but it was said at Juarez that the courier would not be molested by rebels and that no attempt would be made to interfere with Consul Letcher's communications to or from his government.

General E. A. Benavides, commanding in Juarez, says that he has no official advice concerning the refusal of Villa to permit Mr. Letcher to send code messages, but he is sure there has been a mistake, as it has not been intended at any time to interfere with American business.

**Germany's Coach Untouched.**

Seizure of the German Consul's personal belongings came to an abrupt termination when Mrs. Kuck, wife of the consul, told the rebel soldiers that they might take the two white horses attached to her coach, but that it would be dangerous for them to touch the coach itself.

"That coach is the property of the German Empire," declared the consul's wife, "and I defy you to touch it."

The coach was not touched, and it is said that the horses also were returned. An automobile which the rebels had seized was returned.

Villa is reported to have said to the German Consul: "I cannot kill you, but I can send you to the border."

"You will have to send me if I go," was the consul's reply, and he has not yet come.

At least three members of the Chihuahua Spanish colony have been killed by the rebels, according to Spanish refugees, Augustin Gonzales and his son and another, whose name was not given, were shot yesterday while defending their property from seizure, it is asserted.

Additional protests to Washington and to the German and Spanish representatives there, as well as to the home governments at Berlin and Madrid, were cabled from here to-day.

**Federal Sympathizers Shot.**

Those who are known to have been Federal sympathizers are "disappearing" in Chihuahua. They are being shot. Refugees arriving from Chihuahua to-night say there have been many "disappearances" of well-known Mexican residents.

Americans in El Paso, through the